

To: House Judiciary Committee  
From: David Felbeck, MCRGO legislative analyst  
Re: HB 4042  
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This bill is long overdue. Once an applicant has obtained a concealed pistols license and is fingerprinted, unless he commits some crime after that time (which would be known to the police) there is no reason for the expensive and time-consuming process of being re-fingerprinted. I am particularly concerned with abolishing the requirement on renewal because my prints have never been readable by the FBI since my initial CPL application in 2001, presumably because of my age. I thus had prints taken three times in 2001 and again three times in 2004 when I renewed, all without meeting the FBI's idea of print clarity.

I would like to see this change accompanied by a change in the required fee. From 2002 PA 719, here is where the \$105 goes:

(5) Each applicant shall pay a fee of \$105.00 by any method of payment accepted by that county for payments of other fees and penalties. A unit of local government, an agency of a unit of local government, or an agency or department of this state shall not charge an additional fee, assessment, or other amount in connection with a license under this section. The fee shall be payable to the county. The county treasurer shall deposit \$41.00 of each fee collected under this section in the general fund of the county and credit \$26.00 of that deposit to the credit of the county clerk and \$15.00 of that deposit to the credit of the county sheriff and forward the balance to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit the balance of the fee in the general fund to the credit of the department of state police. The department of state police shall use the money received under this act to process the fingerprints and to reimburse the federal bureau of investigation for the costs associated with processing fingerprints submitted under this act. The balance of the money received under this act shall be credited to the department of state police.

As I figure it, we probably ought to continue the \$26 to the clerk's office for the paper handling and maybe even the \$15 to the sheriff for a LEIN check, but there is no reason at all for continuing the remaining \$64 to the Michigan State Police, as neither they nor the FBI would have any function if prints are abolished.

I therefore propose that a provision be included in this bill to reflect this change: On CPL renewal, the total fee ought to be \$41 for five years, allocated in accordance with 2002 PA 719 to the clerk and sheriff.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

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